

BILL NO. 81-14

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COUNTY COUNCIL

OF

HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 31-14

Introduced by Council President Hardwicke at request of County Executive

Legislative Day No. 81-7 Date March 3, 1981

AN ACT to repeal Section 2-190.1 through 2-190.7 and to re-enact with amendments Section 2-190.1 through Section 2-190.8, generally heading, Harford County Commission for Women of Article 12, heading, Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Committees, of Chapter 2, heading, Administration, all of the Harford County Code; to provide for the establishment of the Office of the Commission for Women in the Executive Branch of the County Government; to provide for the continuation of the Commission for Women; to provide for certain powers and duties relating to the performance of the Office of and the Commission for Women which shall promote the economic, social and political equality of women in Harford County, Maryland.

By the Council, March 3, 1981

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: April 7, 1981

at: 7:00 P.M.

By Order: Angela Markowski, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on April 7, 1981 and concluded on April 7, 1981.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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1 Section 1. *Be It Enacted By The County Council Of Harford County,*
2 *Maryland*, that Section 2-190.1 through 2-190.7, generally heading,
3 Harford County Commission for Women, of Article XII, heading,
4 Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Committees, of Chapter 2,
5 heading, Administration, all of the Harford County Code, be, and
6 it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, all to read
7 as follows:

8 Chapter 2. Administration.

9 Article 12. Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Committees.

10 [Section 2-190.1. Commission for Women; created, purpose.

11 (a) The Harford County Commission for Women is hereby
12 established.

13 (b) The Commission shall have as its purpose to promote
14 the economic, social and political equality of women. (Bill No.
15 77-47.)

16 Section 2-190.2. Members; terms, compensation.

17 (a) The Harford County Commission for Women shall consist
18 of fifteen (15) members.

19 (1) The County Executive shall appoint fifteen (15)
20 members, to be confirmed by the County Council. Each of the
21 six (6) councilmanic districts shall have representation.

22 (b) Terms.

23 (1) For establishment of the first commission, one-
24 third (1/3) of the members shall serve for one (1) year, one-
25 third (1/3) for two (2) years, and one-third (1/3) for three (3)
26 years.

27 (2) Thereafter the terms of all members shall be three
28 (3) years.

29 (3) Tenure shall not exceed two (2) terms, which
30 may run consecutively.

31 (c) Members of the Commission shall receive no salaries,
32 but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the

1 performance of their duties in accordance with appropriations
2 made by Harford County. (Bill No. 77-47.)

3 Section 2-190.3. Chairperson; meetings.

4 (a) The County Executive shall annually appoint one (1)
5 person as chairperson subject to confirmation by the County
6 Council.

7 (b) The Commission may select from among their members
8 either persons to serve in capacities to assist the chairperson
9 in for performance of its duties.

10 (c) The Commission shall meet on the call of the chairperson,
11 but not less than four (4) times a year in a place to be furnished
12 by the County.

13 (d) The Commission shall adopt such rules and regulations
14 as it may deem necessary to govern its procedures and business;
15 such rules and regulations shall be adopted in accordance with
16 Section 807 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland. (Bill No.
17 77-47.)

18 Section 190.4. Powers and duties.

19 The Commission shall promote economic, social and political
20 equality for women by:

21 (a) Recommending to the County Executive qualified candi-
22 dates for the Commission compiled from nominations from interested
23 groups and individuals.

24 (b) Assembling, analyzing and disseminating information
25 which will assist in eliminating prejudice and meeting the
26 needs of women.

27 (c) Studying conditions which demonstrate inequalities and
28 unmet needs concerning women and recommending procedures and
29 legislation to remedy them.

30 (d) Giving impetus to expand educational and employment
31 opportunities for women and publicizing activities and services
32 of interest to women.

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1 (e) Promoting a positive image of women and securing recog-
2 nition of their accomplishments.

3 (f) Referring women to government agencies and advising
4 citizens and government in Harford County on matters concerning
5 prejudice or the needs of women.

6 (g) Encouraging qualified women to seek appointive and
7 elective office (Bill No. 77-47.)

8 Section 2-190.5. Staff.

9 (a) For administration of the Commission, the County shall
10 provide facilities for the Commission and the Commission may
11 employ such staff as is required to fulfill the purposes of the
12 Commission as may be provided for in the current expense budget
13 of Harford County, Maryland. Any staff shall be employed through
14 the personnel procedures of the County (Bill No. 77-47.)

15 Section 2-190.6. Budget.

16 (a) The Commission shall prepare and submit to the County
17 Executive a budget to include the recommended appropriation for
18 its operation.

19 Section. 2-190.7. Reports.

20 (a) The Commission shall annually report to the County
21 Executive and the County Council on the activities of the
22 Commission for the preceding year and on the status of women in
23 Harford County. (Bill No. 77-47.)]
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6 it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, all to
7 read as follows:

8 Chapter 2. Administration.

9 Article 12. Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Committees.

10 SECTION 2-190.1. OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN; CREATED;
11 PURPOSE.

12 (a) THERE SHALL BE AN OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
13 WHICH SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY A COORDINATOR. THE OFFICE SHALL
14 BE IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, SUBJECT TO THE DIRECTION AND SUPER-
15 VISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES.

16 (b) THE OFFICE SHALL HAVE AS ITS PURPOSE TO PROMOTE THE
17 ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL EQUALITY OF WOMEN.

18 SECTION 2-190.2. DUTIES OF THE OFFICE.

19 THE COORDINATOR SHALL:

20 (a) BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAILY BUSINESS OPERATION OF
21 THE OFFICE;

22 (b) ASSEMBLE, ANALYZE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION WHICH
23 WILL ASSIST IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF WOMEN;

24 (c) STUDY CONDITIONS WHICH DEMONSTRATE INEQUALITIES
25 AND UNMET NEEDS CONCERNING WOMEN, BY CONDUCTING SURVEYS AND
26 GATHERING STATISTICAL DATA;

27 (d) PUBLICIZE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES OF INTEREST TO
28 WOMEN;

29 (e) REFER WOMEN TO GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER AGENCIES AS
30 APPROPRIATE;

31 (f) ADVISE CITIZENS AND GOVERNMENT IN HARFORD COUNTY ON
32 MATTERS CONCERNING THE NEEDS OF WOMEN.

1 (g) ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING
2 PROGRAMS WHICH WILL EXPAND WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT
3 OPPROTUNITIES, AND EDUCATE WOMEN IN THE PROCESSES OF SEEKING
4 LEADERSHIP ROLES.

5 (h) SECURE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FROM GOVERN-
6 MENTAL AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAMS
7 DEVELOPED BY THE OFFICE AND THE COMMISSION.

8 SECTION 2-190.3. COMMISSION FOR WOMEN; CREATED; PURPOSE.

9 (a) THE HARFORD COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN IS HEREBY
10 CREATED.

11 (b) THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE AS ITS PURPOSE TO PROMOTE
12 THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL EQUALITY OF WOMEN.

13 (c) THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN, COMPOSED OF FIFTEEN MEMBERS,
14 SHALL BE ADVISORY TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, DEPARTMENT OF
15 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND THE COORDINATOR OF THE OFFICE.

16 (d) THE FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE
17 APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CONFIRMED BY THE COUNTY
18 COUNCIL.

19 (e) EACH OF THE SIX (6) COUNCILMANIC DISTRICTS SHALL HAVE
20 REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMISSION.

21 (f) TERMS.

22 (1) THE TERMS OF ALL MEMBERS SHALL BE THREE YEARS.

23 (2) TENURE SHALL NOT EXCEED TWO TERMS, WHICH MAY
24 RUN CONSECUTIVELY.

25 (3) MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE TERMINATED INVOLUNTARILY
26 IF ANY MEMBER BE ADSENT, WITHOUT EXCUSE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
27 THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

28 (g) MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL RECEIVE NO SALARIES,
29 BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE
30 PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROPRIATIONS
31 MADE BY HARFORD COUNTY.

32 (h) THOSE MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS HAVE NOT EXPIRED AT SUCH

1 TIME AS THIS LEGISLATION IS ENACTED SHALL CONTINUE TO SERVE FOR
2 THE REMAINDER OF THEIR TERM AND MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT.
3 SECTION 2-190.4. CHAIRPERSON; MEETINGS.

4 (a) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL ANNUALLY APPOINT ONE PERSON
5 AS CHAIRPERSON SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE COUNCIL.

6 (b) THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET ON THE CALL OF THE CHAIR-
7 PERSON BUT NOT LESS THAN FOUR TIMES A YEAR IN A PLACE TO BE FUR-
8 NISHED BY THE COUNTY IF SO REQUESTED.

9 (c) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS
10 AS DEEMED NECESSARY TO GOVERN ITS PROCEDURES AND BUSINESS; SUCH
11 RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL BE ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
12 807 OF THE CHARTER OF HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND.

13 SECTION 2-190.5. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

14 (a) THE COMMISSION SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
15 QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR THE COMMISSION FROM NOMINATIONS FROM
16 INTERESTED GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS.

17 (b) THE COMMISSION SHALL ASSEMBLE, ANALYZE AND DISSEMINATE
18 INFORMATION WHICH WILL ASSIST IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF WOMEN.

19 (c) THE COMMISSION SHALL STUDY THE CONDITIONS WHICH
20 DEMONSTRATE INEQUALITIES, IDENTIFY UNMET NEEDS CONCERNING WOMEN
21 AND RECOMMEND PROCEDURES AND LEGISLATION TO REMEDY THEM.

22 (d) THE COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE A POLICY RECOMMENDATION
23 BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COMMISSIONERS.

24 (e) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS
25 TO EDUCATE WOMEN IN THE PROCESS OF SEEKING LEADERSHIP POSITIONS.

26 (f) THE COMMISSION SHALL WORK WITH THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE,
27 THE COUNTY COUNCIL, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES IN
28 ORDER TO EXPAND THE POTENTIAL OF THE OFFICE OF AND THE COMMISSION
29 FOR WOMEN.

30 (g) THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW LEGISLATION AND POLICY
31 DECISIONS IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY THE IMPACT THEY HAVE ON WOMEN.

32 (h) THE COMMISSION SHALL EXPAND EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOY-

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Angela Markowski

, Secretary

MENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN.

(i) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROMOTE A POSITIVE IMAGE OF WOMEN AND SECURE RECOGNITION OF THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

(j) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONDUCT WORKSHOPS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION FORUMS RELATIVE TO WOMEN'S ISSUES.

SECTION 2-190.6. STAFF.

(a) THE STAFF OF THE OFFICE SHALL INCLUDE A COORDINATOR AND SUCH OTHER PERSONNEL AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE AND THE COMMISSION.

(b) ALL STAFF SHALL BE EMPLOYED THROUGH THE PERSONNEL PROCEDURES OF THE COUNTY. THE COMMISSION WILL MAKE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES RELATIVE TO THE OFFICE STAFF.

(c) THE COUNTY SHALL PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR THE OFFICE AND THE COMMISSION.

SECTION 2-190.7. BUDGET.

(a) THE COORDINATOR SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE A BUDGET TO INCLUDE THE RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS FOR ITS OPERATION.

(b) THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COORDINATOR OF THE OFFICE.

SECTION 2-190.8. REPORTS.

(a) THE COORDINATOR SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR.

(b) THE COMMISSION SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES ON THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR AND ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN HARFORD COUNTY.

Section 3. *And Be It Further Enacted By The County Council Of Harford County, Maryland,* that this Act shall take effect sixty (60) calendar days from the date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: July 6, 1981

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BY THE COUNCIL

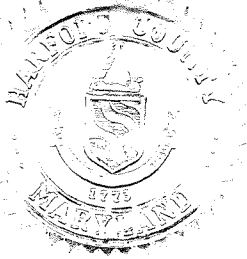
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Passed LSD 81-13 (May 5, 1981) ~~(with amendments)~~~~Failed XXX Passage~~

By order

Angela Markowski, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive
for his approval this 6th day of May, 1981
at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

Thomas J. [Signature]
County ExecutiveDate 5/7/81

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 81-14), having been approved by the Executive
and returned to the Council, becomes law on May 7, 1981.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

Rec'd & Recorded 9-9 1981 at 9:00 A. M.
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J. Douglas Chilcoat, Clerk, Harford Co.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 6, 1981